# E Ward 4

**News & Notes** 

July 17 - August 7, 2015



#### **ABOUT WARD 4**

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.



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### In the Know

#### Countdown 2 Bash

As you might know, Council Member Scott is a former educator and a passionate advocate for the success of K-12 and higher education. Council Member Scott wanted to host an event that would give back to the community,



and help children be prepared for school. Fast forward to now and you have the 15th Annual Ward 4 Back to School Bash and Pancake Breakfast. 15 years is a long time to host the same event year after year, but the great news is that every year this fabulous event grows. Council Member Scott would not be able to put this event on without the help and generous donations by Cox Communication, Walmart, Desert Diamond Casinos, Eegee's, Sports Clips, Tucson Fire Fighter Association, Tucson Police Officers Association, Tucson Electric Power, The Ashton Company, Southwest Gas, Costco, and McDias, Inc. That's right, sausage with pancakes and eggs, all prepared by our Tucson Fire Fighter volunteers, delicious and FREE for all participants! Of course, the main focus is getting kids ready for school. That means FREE school supplies for all children, including backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, etc. There will also be great vendors and raffle prizes given away including tablets and bikes. And don't forget to bring your swimsuit; the Clements pool will be free that day, thanks William Clements Center staff!

We will be posting our progress on the Ward 4 facebook page, http://bit.ly/ward4fb. Make sure to "like" us so you can get all the details as well as a reminder the day before the event. We hope to see all of you there!

#### Free Ride



If you haven't had a chance yet to take a ride on the Sun Link streetcar, then here is your chance to ride it for FREE! On July 25th, Sun Link will be turning 1 year old and thanks to support and donations from Friends of Tucson Streetcar, Tucson Medical Center, and Tucson Electric Power, riding the

street car that Saturday will be free from 8am – 2 am Sunday morning. The shopping and entertainment districts along the alignment and the University of Arizona are also planning events to celebrate the anniversary. So grab your family and friends and head downtown, there is a lot to see!

### Register to

Voting, it is one great way to get your voice heard. If you have yet to register, please do so by July 27th for the upcoming City's August Primary election that will be held on August 25th. If you would like to register, you can do so by going to http://servicearizona.com/web app/evoter/.

If you have questions about your voter registration, you can contact the Pima County Recorder's Office by calling 724-4330. You can also find them online at

http://www.recorder.pima.gov/

We suggest you check out their FAQ section. They have a list of commonly asked questions like:

- \* Who can register to vote?
- \* How do I determine if I am a "resident" of the State of Arizona or of Pima County?
- \* I am 17 years old now but will be 18 before the next state general election. Can I complete a voter registration form now and will I then be able to sign petitions?

City of Tucson elections will be held Tuesday, November 4!

#### Road Closure

The intersection of Houghton Road and 22nd Street will be temporarily closed Friday, July 17 (6pm) to Monday, Juy 20 (5am) in order to complete waterline relocation and major construction work in the intersection as quickly as possible and avoid



prolonged travel restrictions. Signage indicating detour routes and segments of Houghton Road and 22nd Street that will be open to local traffic only will be in place to help guide traffic.

#### **Detour Routes:**

Southbound Houghton Road detour: Take Broadway Blvd. west to southbound Harrison Road to eastbound Old Spanish Trail to reconnect with Houghton Road. Northbound Houghton Road detour: Take Old Spanish Trail west to northbound Harrison Road to eastbound Broadway Blvd. to reconnect with Houghton Road. **Alternate Detour Routes:** 

Ridgeside Drive and Melpomene Way will serve as alternate detours east of Houghton Road.

Access to all driveways and businesses will remain open. Please obey all traffic control signs and watch for construction personnel and equipment in the work zone. You can also find more information on the project by going to www.houghtonroad.info.

#### What Kind of Plane is That!



Ever look up in the sky and wonder what type of plane is flying above you, well guess what, you can! Davis Monthan Air Force Base's website (DMAFB)

http://www.dm.af.mil/shared/media/document/ AFD-100602-078.jpg has this "planespotting".jpg where it

list's the aircraft that is flown in this area. And in case you haven't looked up lately, you might have noticed some F-15's, that's because twelve F-15SGs arrived last week. These F-15s are from the 428th Fighter Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and will be training here until August 24, while the Mountain Home AFB runway is closed for maintenance.

During their visit, the aircrews will follow all D-M arrival and departure processes and adhere to noise abatement procedures. The complaint line is 520-228-509, callers will be asked for the time, location, and aircraft type. More information about making comments to DMAFB can be found at

http://www.dm.af.mil/units/355fwliaison.asp.

#### Ronstadt Center

On Wednesday, July 22nd, at the Tucson Convention Center, the City of Tucson will host public presentations of the two proposals for the Ronstadt **Transit Center Joint** Development Project. The Alexander Company/Oasis Tucson and Peach Properties each will present a design concept for mixed-use, development, with transit, to be located on the 4.7-acre Cityowned site. The first presentation will be held from 5-6:30 pm and the second from 7-8:30 pm in the Mohave and Maricopa Rooms. Free parking will be available in Lot A at the TCC (located off of Church Ave.) A list of public transit options to and from the TCC is available at http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ integratedplanning/RTC\_Public\_Presenta tion\_Info.pdf.

#### P&R 5 Year MASTER Plan

The Tucson Parks and Recreation Department wants to know how it can improve recreation and leisure opportunities for all of its users. The department has started a process of information gathering that will result in a vibrant, new five-year master plan that anticipates future needs and outlines the actions necessary to deliver high quality recreation facilities, programs and services to the Tucson area. Public and stakeholder input are essential and critical to the success of the master plan.

The first round of community-wide open houses will be held in September. Please attend and share your ideas. For your convenience a public open house will be held in each City of Tucson Ward. Locations and times for the public open houses will be posted on the project website.

Norris Design, the local consulting firm selected to assist and lead the planning effort, will conduct the public input process. For more information, email Julie Parizek, Norris Design, at parksmasterplan@tucsonaz.gov.

For more information on the master plan, meeting updates please visit the planning website at <a href="https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/masterplan">www.tucsonaz.gov/parks/masterplan</a> or send an email to parksmasterplan@tucsonaz.gov.

### A Little Extra

Here are a couple little extra's, finds, or good-to-knows:

\*We just got word that you can drop off any un-used medication at the Rincon Station 9670 E. Golf Links Road anytime. They will not accept liquids, patches, or needles.

\*There is no better way to celebrate a summer birthday than at the pool. Since Tucson will be turning 240 years in August, why not celebrate it at one of the City pools? All City pools will be free and open to the public on August 5 during normal pool hours in celebration of Tucson's birthday. Happy early Birthday Tucson!

#### Touch A Truck

Do you have a kid that is interested in trucks, well then this event is for them! This Family Festival and 1.5 mile "Truck Trot" Fun Run is an event for the whole family to attend. There will be many cool trucks on display at this event, including but not limited to: TPD SWAT vehicle, TFD Fire, Army trucks, City Street Sweeper, a TV News van and many more. There will also be a BBQ, craft vendors, free fingerprinting, DJ and live country music from "Southern Reins," raffles and more! Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20 for a family of 5. The Fun Run entry is \$8.00 which includes: the run and festival admission, a goody bag and bagels. This event is presented by Larry H. Miller Dodge team. Proceeds of this event will benefit the Erik Hite Foundation. If you would like more information on this upcoming fun filled event, please call 495-0430 or email grhind@erikhitefoundation.org

## Road Work by Rick Ellis

### Road Work Update; Valencia Road, Alvernon to Wilmot

Pima County Department of Transportation (PCDOT), in cooperation with the City of Tucson and Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), is currently managing the reconstruction of Valencia Road from Alvernon Way to Wilmot Road. This project consists of widening Valencia from four lanes to six lanes between Alvernon and Wilmot (including widening the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad, UPRR), and is part of the RTA's Transportation Plan approved by voters in 2006.

Construction efforts are continuing throughout the corridor with work activities proceeding in an east to west direction. Motorists are using the southern half of the roadway from Wilmot to the vicinity of Desert View High School and just west of the new access road, the traffic flow switches to the north half of the road and continues until Alvernon. Activities throughout the corridor consist of the following:

- \* Median grading in the vicinity of Craycroft.
- \* Remaining concrete work occurring on the bridge over the UPRR.
- \* Grading, drainage and signal work occurring from the vicinity of the bridge over the UPRR and continuing through the I-10 interchange to the intersection at Benson/Swan and continuing further west to the vicinity of Desert View High School. In addition, concrete curb and sidewalk, as well as paving activities are ongoing throughout this portion of the corridor.
- \* Landscaping activities are also underway from Craycroft to Alvernon.

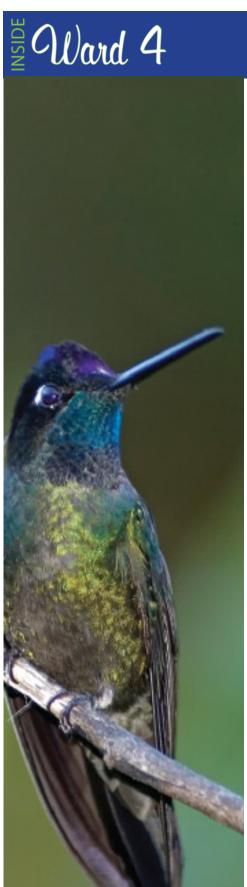
The overall project is approximately 75% complete, and is on schedule to be completed in Fall 2015.

We thank you for your patience and understanding, and for any questions you may visit the project website at:

http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalld=169&pageld=66566

If you may contact Rick Ellis at the Pima County Transporation Department at 724-6385 or email at rick.ellis@pima.gov. You can also contact Carol Brichta, Community Relations, (520) 724-6410 or email Carol.Brichta@pima.gov.





# Coming Up...

Cox Presents: Movies in the Park

July 17 - August 14, at dusk, Demeester Performing Arts Pavilion, 900 S Randolph Way



Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a FREE showing of Frozen this Friday, July 17. There will also be live music, jumping castles, balloon twisters, and arts and crafts exhibits from area non-profits. Food vendors will also be there. Event starts at 5:30pm with the movie starting around 7-7:30 pm (dusk).

#### Loft Kids Fest

July 18 - July 26, every morning @10am, The Loft Cinema, 3233 East Speedway Blvd. Would you like free admission and free popcorn? Great news, The Loft Cinema will be hosting their eighth annual LOFT KIDS FEST! Each morning, kids and their parents can experience some of the best children's films of all time, along with fun games, interactive activities, super giveaways and crazy surprises. Doors open at 9:15am, show begins at 10am. For more information please visit

#### Tucson Police Foundation Back to School Safety Fair

Sat. July 25, 10am-1pm, Park Place Mall - Center Court Officers from the Tucson Police Department will be on hand in full force to talk with parents and kids about a variety of safety related topics. SWAT, Bomb Squad, Air

https://loftcinema.com/films/?series=kidsfest.



Support, S.R.O., Auto Theft, Bicycle, Internet Crimes, Recruiting, K9, Mortocycle and more. There will even be sun/skin screening and precaution, EMS & Training will do CPR demos and Walgreen's will provide flu shots. This is a great event all provided by Tucson Police Foundation.

#### Night Wings at Pima Air & Space Museum

Sat. July 25, 5pm – 9pm, Pima Air & Space Museum, 6000 E. Valencia Rd.



Enjoya walking tour of indoor hangars; hands-on aviation-related activities for kids, with prizes. 8:00pm is the last admission. The Flight Grill will be open for dinner.

Admission after 4:00pm \$10 adults; children 12 and under

free, members are free. An additional fee of \$4-per person applies to ride the tram. Last admission is at 8:00pm. For more about this event or other events held at the Pima Air & Space Museum, go to http://www.pimaair.org/edu/scheduled-museum-events.



### In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <a href="http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es">http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es</a> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information visit http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <a href="http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti">http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti</a> for more information on removal or reporting.

